

MINUTES OF THE COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS CITY HISTORIC COMMITTEE HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING ROOM ON SEPTEMBER 12, 2012, AT 6:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Gayle Conger, Beverly Lund, Jerri Harwell, Jerry Christensen, Don Antczak,  
Pat Menlove, John Glauser, Sylvia Orton

MEMBERS ESCUSED: Dean Smart, Tom Shimizu, Max Evans

OTHERS PRESENT: Mike Peterson, City Councilman

Our Chairman, Tom Shimizu is in Japan for two weeks and the meeting was conducted by John Glauser, who showed the committee a form that he had been given by Midvale City when he donated some adobe bricks to their museum. He thought that the City might want to copy the form to use for artifacts. Gayle Conger thought that the City already had its own form.

Mr. Glauser asked for reports from committee members. The first to report was our City Councilman, Mike Peterson. He reported that Liane Stillman, City Manager was retiring in January 2013. The City is accepting applications to fill her position.

Councilman Peterson also reported that the paperwork applying to become a Certified Local Government has been submitted and he will follow thru on the progress.

Mr. Glauser reported that he had visited with Kevin Cromar, past Chairman of our committee. Mr. Cromar indicated that the information he had collected while chairman of our committee was not ready to be turned over but that he would certainly do that in the future.

Beverly Lund reported that she is still working on collecting the history of the Creek Road area and has had several people helping her. She has been interviewing people and has had help from Karen Forbush Larrabee. Mrs. Larrabee's family settled the area.

Jerri Harwell reported that she is working on collecting information about the portion of the Union area that is now in our City limits. She has been using the computer as a reference because there is a lot of information that has already been gathered by people such as Steven Madsen. She may interview some old time locals.

The history reports are due in December 2012. Written copies as well as computer disks are to be turned in at that time. In response to the question about the length of the report, the committee decided that the more information the better because it can always be condensed.

Pat Menlove reported that she had used the information she had gathered regarding the CCC Camp at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon in the Historical Question & Answer section of the July issue of the Journal. She indicated that this was all of the information she had. The boys working in the CCC Camp did most of the improvement work in Little and Big Cottonwood Canyons as well as bridges and improvements in our area.

Don Antczak said that Kevin Cromar was the ideal source for information regarding the camp. He had done extensive research on most of the areas that we are now working on. Gayle Conger suggested that before we use any of the information we are now collecting and before making a final report of

Butlerville that we wait until we get the help of Mr. Cromar in putting together a history book because of all the information he has in his possession. The committee agreed with Jerri Harwell's comment that we do not finalize anything until we get his help and his information. We need to remember that the information we are now collecting covers the first 100 years of the area which would be from 1847 up to the late 1940's after World War II. In this time period there were only a handful of families living in the area and many of these families intermarried. It was not until after the War that the population exploded. After information from this time period is complete we will start from the early 1950's and move forward. This could be done in ten year periods

Mr. Antczak reported that it was Mr. Cromar who first discovered that Alf Engen came to Utah with the CCC boys. He was with the Forest Services and played a management roll at the camp. This is how he first discovered our wonderful snow in both canyons.

Mr. Glauser said that he found out that the Big Cottonwood Canyon Homeowner's Association is trying to get a \$3,000.00 grant from the County to be used to improve the trail system that the CCC boys built in the 1930's.

Sylvia Orton reported that Don Antczak has been asked to cover the area previous assigned to Mike Petersen. This is the Cottonwood/Holladay area. This area covers the east boundary of Union Stake on the west, I-215 on the north, 3000 East on the east, and 6600 South on the south. This is an area that was sparsely populated.

Jerri Harwell's area covers the area bounded by Union Park Avenue on the west, the Union Stake boundaries on the east, I-215 on the north, and the upper part of Little Cottonwood Creek on the south.

Beverly Lund's area will cover the lower part of Creek Road from 1300 East on the west, to the eastern boundary of that Stake area, with Creek Road as the southern boundary, and the northern boundary of that State area as the north boundary.

Gayle Conger will cover Danish Road west to the boundary of Wasatch Stake.

Mr. Shimizu with the help of Mr. Antczak will cover the rest of the area.

Mr. Glauser gave an update on the cement pillars and plaques. He is waiting for bids to come back in. He is trying to get the best for the less for the plaques. McGhie's Trophy on State Street at 6900 South has agreed to match or beat the lowest price on the plaques. There is only one place that does the cement, DuraCrete. He is hoping to get markers planted before winter, but not sure if it can be done.

Gayle Conger reported that she had rewritten all of the narratives for the plaques and had been prepared to give us all a copy, but Ms. Harwell has made many corrections upon proof reading them and Ms. Conger will go home and redo them. She said that there are 15 narratives.

Councilman Petersen will present them to the City for approval once the necessary corrections are made. They will also pass through Stephanie Archibald for a final edit.

Mr. Glauser asked if there are pictures to place on the plaques. Ms. Conger advised that there were not, but if he could find some they could go on the plaques.

Sylvia Orton reported for Dean Smart who had asked to be excused from tonight's meeting. He is working with Beverly Hilton Beckstead, who is researching information on the old Granite/Butler Church. It's hoped that it will be written and ready by December. The church was located to the north of the south end of Danish Road just west of Wasatch Boulevard in the area which is now Russell Park.

Ms. Orton asked Jerry Christensen if he had gotten the email she sent asking him to take the Historical Question & Answer for the month of January, with a December 17<sup>th</sup> deadline. He will be happy to provide one. She asked that when he has it ready to email it to her so she could forward it to the City. She also said that the question and answer could be completed before the deadline.

Mr. Antczak mentioned that the obituary for Faye Colebrook Hilton was recently in the paper. He asked if Ms. Larrabee had gotten an oral history from her. Ms. Orton reported that Ms. Larrabee had traveled to St. George and had gotten that oral history.

Jerry Christensen reported that he had been away for the summer. His son was married in Denmark to a girl from Sweden. During the time we had our summer picnic on Danish Road he was in Copenhagen, Denmark. He has a strong connection with Brighton High School. He is a teacher at the school and mentioned that the school is 43 years old.

Ms. Orton remarked that when the committee first started doing oral histories we had talked about seeing if the students from the high school would type transcribe them. Mr. Christensen thought that would be a good experience for them.

Councilman Peterson will follow up on the necessary items and said he thought the committee was functioning well and enjoyed working with us on the committee. His heart is in the community.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 P.M. Our next meeting will be at 6:15 P.M. on Wednesday, October 10, 2012.